



# Waganakising Odawak

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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### INTERIM LTBB ELDERS PROGRAM DENTAL SERVICES REGULATIONS REG-ELD-RES 022110-01 060210-001

- I. Purpose.** Pursuant to Tribal Resolution #022110-01, Supplemental Funding for Elders Program for Establishing an Elder's Dental Program Fund, to assist Tribal Elders with specialized dental costs that are typically not covered by the Tribal by using the following means:
- A. The Elders Program shall receive and process requests for Elder's Dental Services Program. The Elders Program shall create a line item in future budgets to continue providing the Elder's Dental Services.
  - B. The Elder's Dental Services program will provide services to all enrolled LTBB Elders. The Tribal Elder must obtain the age of 55 years old in the current calendar year prior to any dental services being performed. The LTBB Elder's Program shall verify the age of each LTBB Elder seeking dental services through this program.
  - C. The Elder's Dental Services program provides for Elders who have Medical or Dental provider documentation stating the LTBB Elder's dental condition requires repairs or corrective action based on a medical need and/or their present condition has diminished and/or compromised their quality of life.
  - D. The LTBB Elder must exhaust all their available medical/dental coverage options before applying for this program. The LTBB Elder's Dental Services program is the payer of last resort. The LTBB Elder will attest to this provision.
  - E. Work preformed must have taken place on or after March, 11 2010 to be eligible for this program.
- II. Services.** The Elder's Dental Services will provide funding for specialized dental costs that are not covered by the Tribal Dental Clinic. Such specialized dental services will cover the cost of dentures, bridges, crown or such other items that would not be considered general maintenance or cosmetic in nature as stated in the table below:

### Specialized Dental Services

Service	Eligibility	Dental Services Allowable Costs
Denture (1 arch)	Every 5 years	\$500 maximum
Denture reline (1 arch)	Every 3 years	\$150 maximum
Denture repair	As needed	\$1,000 maximum
Crowns	As needed	\$800 maximum
Partial dentures	Every 5 years	\$800 maximum

- A. Each patient of LTBB Dental Clinic (LTBB Elders residing in the 27 county Indian Health Services [IHS] service area) will be quoted the exact lab fee to be paid from the LTBB Elder's Dental Services program. All dentures, relines, repairs, and partials are per arch.
- B. Each LTBB Elder residing outside the IHS 27 county service area may participate in the direct billing option which requires the LTBB Elder's Dental Provider's participation as an LTBB Vendor including submission of all required documentation, prior to dental services being performed, **or**
- C. Each LTBB Elder residing outside the IHS 27 county service area may participate in the reimbursement option *offered by the Tribe*. **IMPORTANT: The LTBB Elder shall contact the LTBB Elder's Program to verify adequate funding is available prior to having the dental services performed. The reimbursement option** requires the LTBB Elder to pay all expenses associated with the services performed by their dental provider. **This option obligates the LTBB Elder to cover costs up front so verifying funding availability is critical to insure the Tribal Elder is reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses for dental services.**  
The LTBB Elder shall submit an original receipt, reflecting the reimbursement sought by the LTBB Elder for the specialized dental services performed by their dental provider.
- D. Periodontal surgery is not covered.
- E. If LTBB Elder is unable to get services at the LTBB Dental Clinic in a timely manner, the LTBB Elder must provide documentation from the LTBB dentist stating that there is a medical need to get serviced sooner in order to seek services outside of the LTBB clinic.

### III. Administrative Requirements.

- A. The Elder's Dental Services office procedures shall be adopted by the LTBB Elders Program.
- B. A brief explanation of the Elder's Dental Services program shall be published in the Odawa Trails at least once a year and on the LTBB website.
- C. Electronic and paper versions of the full Elder's Dental Services program regulations and procedures shall be made available to any Tribal Elder requesting specialized dental services.
- D. The Elder's Dental services application will be processed once all required documentation within the Elder's Dental Services program file is complete. The LTBB Elder's program will request additional information as needed.
- E. If the request is denied, Elders Program shall notify the requestor within five (5) business days or sooner of the reason(s) for the denial.
- F. LTBB Accounting Department requires original invoice(s) to process payments for specialized dental services received by the LTBB Tribal Elder.
- G. LTBB Elders program staff will obtain W-9 forms for all dental providers participating in the direct billing option. LTBB Accounting Department requires W-9 forms for all vendors conducting business with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians before payment can be processed.
- H. In the event, a dental services provider refuses to participate in the LTBB Vendor Application process. The Tribal Elder must pay for specialized dental services and submit original receipts of the transaction to the LTBB Elders Program.

#### **IV. Limitations.**

- A. Elder's Dental Services funds are limited to \$1,000 per Tribal Elder in a 12 month period.
- B. Program is available until current years' funding has been exhausted.

## **CERTIFICATION**

As Chairperson, I approve the Interim LTBB Elders Program Dental Services Regulations. These Regulations will be posted for public comment and may be amended pursuant to public or staff comments before submission of final regulations to the Tribal Council.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ken Harrington, Tribal Chairperson